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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/672,142	YANG ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	D. L. Jones	1618	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 55-84 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 55-84 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                     | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

1. The Examiner acknowledges receipt of the amendment filed 6/21/06 wherein claims 1-54 are canceled and claims 55, 56, 58, 60, 61, 63-65, 67, 80, and 84 are amended.

**Note:** Claims 55-84 are pending.

## **RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S ARGUMENTS/AMENDMENT**

2. The Applicant's arguments and/or amendment filed 6/21/06 to the rejection of claim made by the Examiner under 35 USC 103 and/or double patenting have been fully considered and deemed persuasive-in-part for the reasons set forth below.

### **Double Patenting Rejections**

I. The double patenting rejection over 09/599,152 is WITHDRAWN because Applicant has filed an acceptable terminal disclaimer.

II. The provisional rejection of claims 55-64 and 67-84 is under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 32, and 38-42 of copending application number 10/732,919 is MAINTAINED for reasons of record in the office action mailed 3/8/05.

III. The provisional rejection over copending application number 10/672,763 is WITHDRAWN.

IV. The provisional rejection over copending application number 10/703,405 is WITHDRAWN.

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**103 Rejection**

The 103 rejection is WITHDRAWN for reasons of record in Applicant's response.

**NEW GROUNDS OF REJECTION**

**112 Second Paragraph Rejections**

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 55-84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Independent claim 84 is ambiguous because of the phrase 'capable of being taken up into the target cells'. In particular, the claim is ambiguous because it is unclear whether the conjugate is actually taken up by the cells. Specifically, a recitation that an element is 'capable of' performing some function is not a positive limitation, but only requires that an element have the ability to perform that function. Thus, in Applicant's method steps, it appears as if the conjugate *should not be capable of* being taken up by the cells, but *should* be taken up by the cells in order for the radionuclide to reach the target cells. Since one cannot ascertain whether the conjugate is actually taken up in the independent claim, all claims depending thereupon are also ambiguous.

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## COMMENTS/NOTES

5. It should be noted that the claims are distinguished over the prior art for reasons of record in the office action mailed 2/21/06; however, Applicant **MUST** address and overcome the double patenting rejection.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

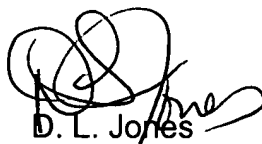
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. L. Jones whose telephone number is (571) 272-0617. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 6:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Hartley can be reached on (571) 272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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